

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Thomas F.A. Pijls )  
Serial No.: 10/601,009 )  
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Title: PASTEURIZING OR STERILIZING )  
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Examiner: Monzer R. Chorbaji  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 25, 2008. Kindly consider the following remarks, which are intended to place this application in condition for allowance. A request for continued examination is being filed concurrently herewith. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such extension fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Pending claims** are reflected in the claim listing, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 5 of this paper.